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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Lauren Clark, Retail Market Oversight

DATE: January 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Project No. 24116, *Implementation of the System Benefit Fund*, Form Change

The application form to apply for the Low-Income Telephone and Electric Utility Program to receive telephone and electric discounts is being changed to accommodate the changes to P.U.C. Substantive Rule §25.454, regarding the Rate Reduction Program and P.U.C. Substantive Rule §26.412, Regarding Lifeline and Link Up Services, For Low-Income Discount Administrator. Changes to the form include the addition of more specific directions on filling out the form to apply for telephone and/or electric discounts, the addition of income-based and program-based eligibility documentation requirements, and the reorganization of the form. Additionally, check boxes for Federal Public Housing Assistance and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program have been added to allow a customer to enroll for the telephone discount only.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed form should file comments in Central Records by 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2004 under Project Number 24116. Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Lauren Clark, Retail Market Analyst, Electric Division, at (512) 936-7401 or through email at lauren.clark@puc.state.tx.us. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or toll-free at 1-800-735-2989.